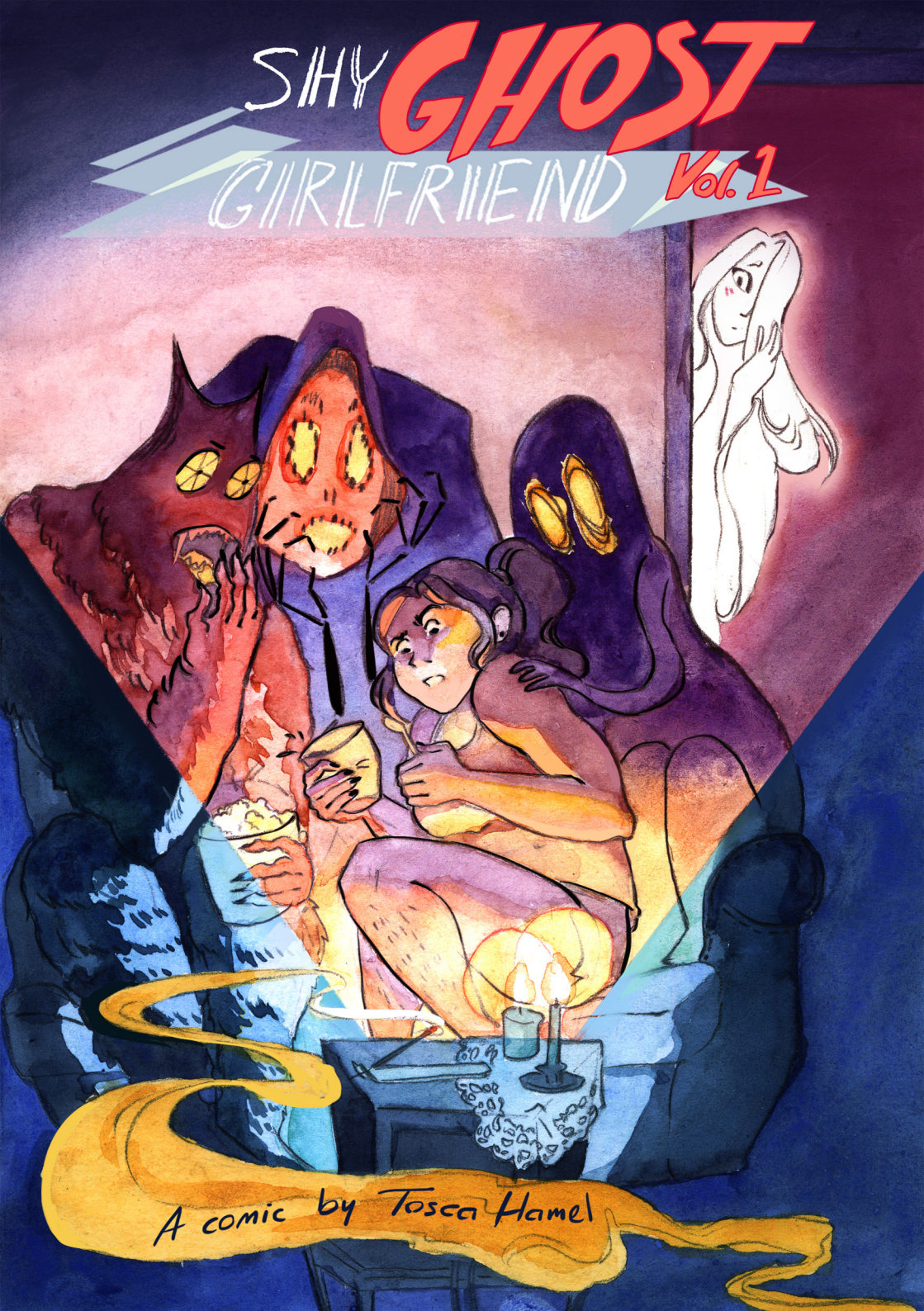
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Vol. 1
A comic by Tosca Hamel

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I'm going places because of all of you ♥

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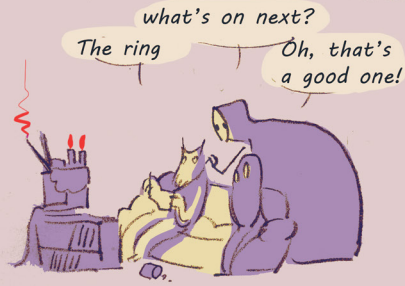
I'm Morada·
And I have three spirits living with me...
Oh jack~ I'm so cold
You're going to get out of this, Rose
I mean, I'm sure plenty of people live with spirits·
I'm off to bed· I'll leave the movie on for you guys·
The only big difference here, is that I have been able to see and hear the paranormal for as long as I can remember...
To my own annoyance, because once certain ghosts notice you can also notice them...
heyyyyy
heyyyy
...they might not leave you alone· Constantly trying to creep you out for attention·
heyyyyy! listen to meee listen to meee you have to
And that's where things usually get scary...
Luckily for me, as scary as my own three housemates may seem...
LEAVE THIS HOUSE
Are you okay?
Yeah, thanks
Boa noite Morada
G'night Avó
...they are some of the friendliest spirits I've ever met·

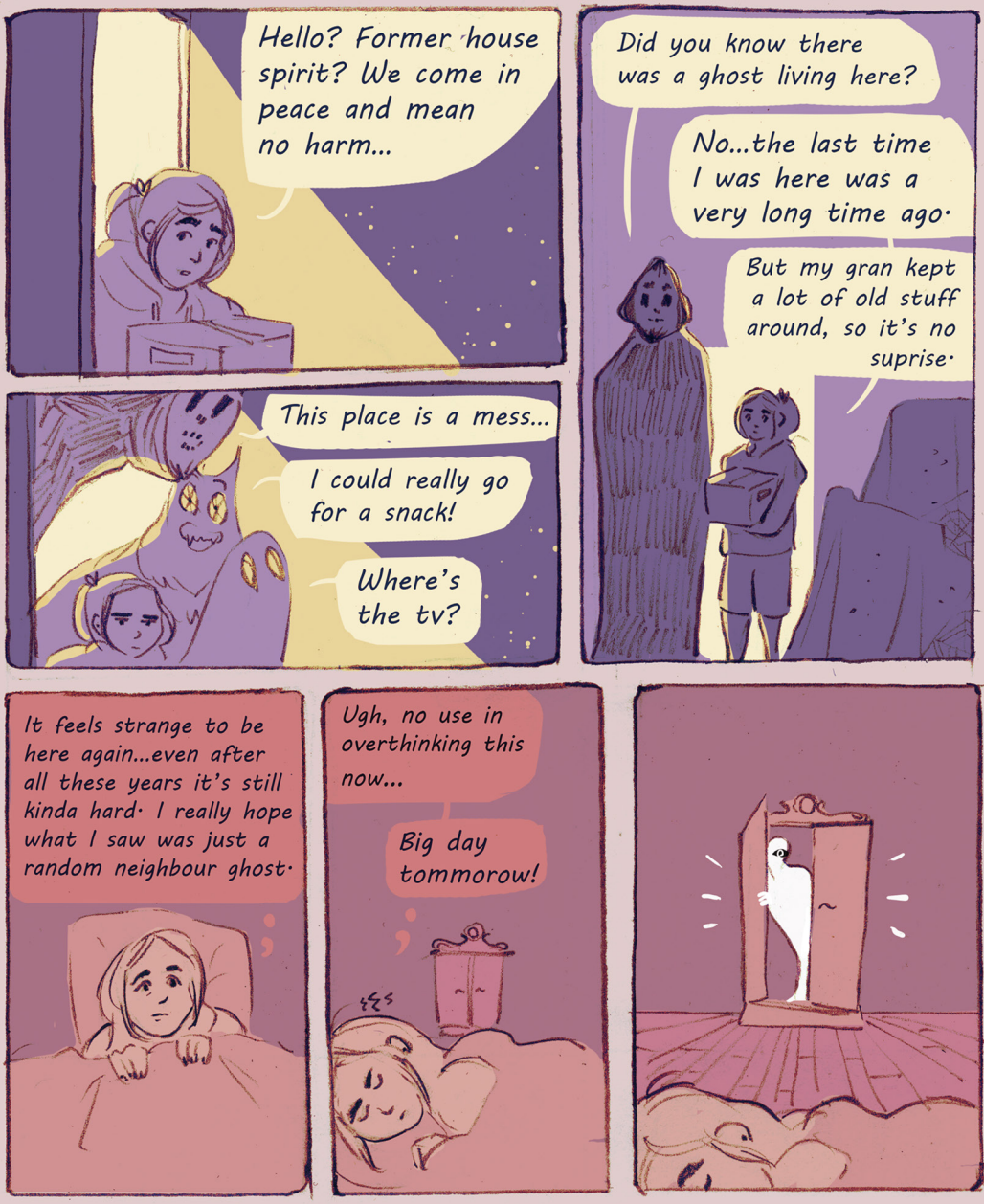


They get along quite well and they seem to like me enough to safekeep my house during the night. I always leave the tv on for them, but who knows what they get up to.

So nice of you to visit Sadako!
Here's your tea.
Thanks.
Nice place you have here.
What did you guys do to scare the human into stop paying their rent and leave?
Leave? What makes you say that? The house owner still lives here, she's a great friend.
Yeah, she's actually really cool with us living here.
Well…there is a eviction note by the door, normally that means a human is being forced to leave.
How am I gonna tell them I have to move to my grandparents' beach house because I can't pay rent...
MORADA!
Oh well...
Better now than never.
Morada!
You've got some explaining to do!
Oke, I just need you all not to freak out, but I can't afford the rent right now...
So, I'm moving to the coast.
Guyss, let me finish!
BAF!!

I know this might be a shocking concept, but I have to pay to live here.
Pay for the electricity that keeps your beloved tv running...
But I got fired a few weeks ago, without a fair warning, so I'll have to move to my grandparents beach house for now.
Wait, you never told us about your job, what was it?
...
Life guard
How dare they fire you, curse their souls, curse the souls of their families!
So what was their excuse? "Hey, you talk to the dead too much to save the living"?
Kinda... they told me I was too introverted for the job, which might be true, but I still really like the work.
Also... you look nothing like the girls from baywatch.
Shadow, you should stop watching movies all the time...

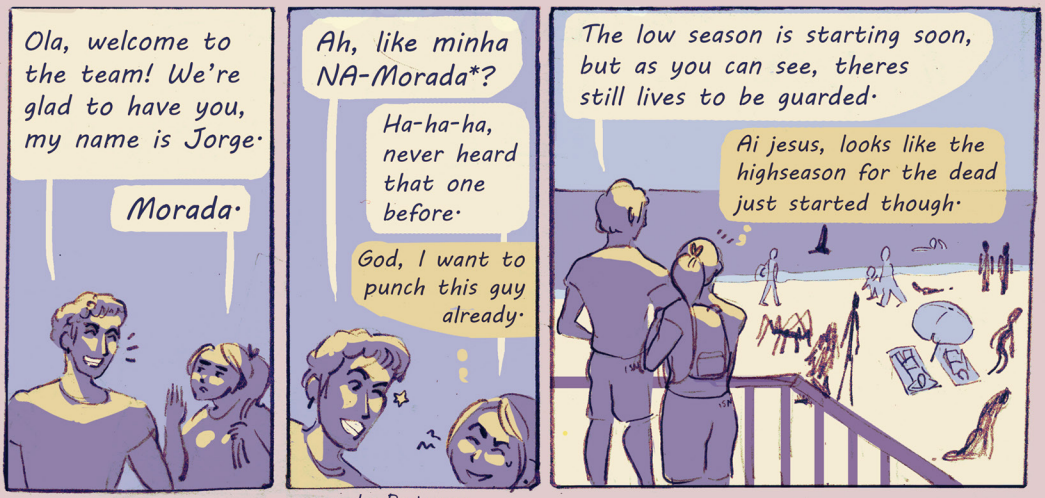
I'm so glad you decided to come with me, it would have sucked if I had to leave you three behind.
Don't worry, we would miss your couch too much.
Is this the couch that you want on the truck?
Yes! But be carefull, it's haunted.
hehehe
hehehe
Morada, what is the sea really like?
Hmm, I think the sea can be a lot of fun. When the wheather is nice people just...enjoy being there.
But at night, when it's dark, the sea becomes an infinite black void, so massive, silent and uncaring, it makes you feel like a spec of dust.
Oh that does sound like fun!
I know right?
We're here! It's that house up the hill!
Hmm?
D-did any of you see that?


Hello? Former house spirit? We come in peace and mean no harm...
Did you know there was a ghost living here?
No...the last time I was here was a very long time ago.
But my gran kept a lot of old stuff around, so it's no suprise.
This place is a mess...
I could really go for a snack!
Where's the tv?
It feels strange to be here again...even after all these years it's still kinda hard. I really hope what I saw was just a random neighbour ghost.
Ugh, no use in overthinking this now...
Big day tommorow!

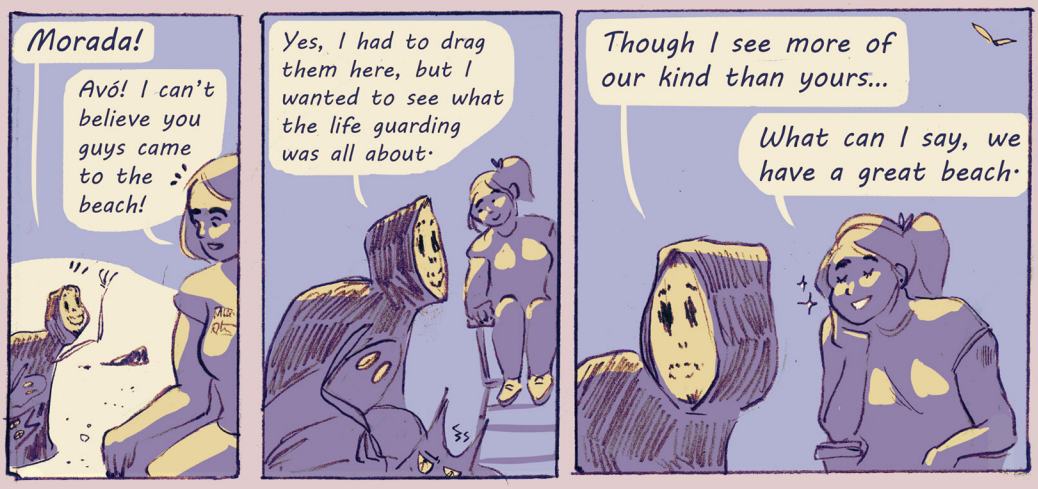
So... Morada de Morte
Is that your real name?
You contacted us about the opening for coast guard.
Yes!
And yes, that is my real name.
Well, you're lucky. All other candidates canceled, and you your training references speak very highly of you, so I think we can start discussing your hours and rate.
Wow, oke!
THIS JOB IS NOT RIGHT FOR YOU
YOU WILL CANCEL YOUR INTERVIEW
I WOULDN'T GET OUT OF BED IF I WERE YOU!
I fried your circuits, locked your door and hid your phone and keys.
Good luck.
Guys, I got the job!
I cant believe they hired me, normally there is crazy competition, but ...
I actually have a job again!
And, what is it?
You are looking at the new local coast guard,
guarding lives on the coast,
starting tomorrow.
Ohh, that is a reason to celebrate!
No. No parties.
I'm sleeping early.

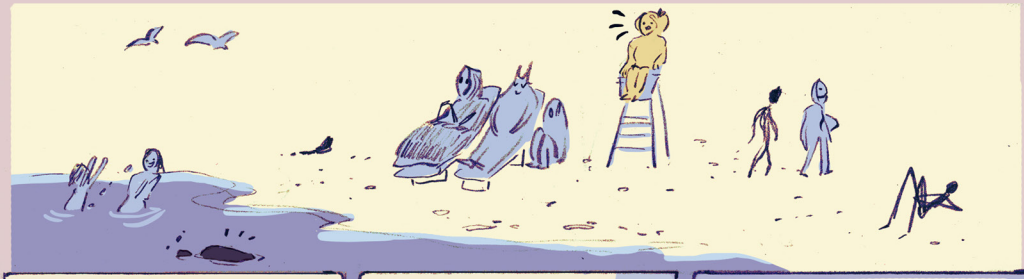
If we throw her a suprise party, she might say yes after all.
Brilliant idea!
Morada...
Wake up...
Morada, you have to wake up now...
You need to follow meee
Shadow I have first day on the job tomorrow,
please let me sleep till sunrise.
B-But...
CONGRATS ON THE JOB!!
She said she really needed her sleep.
Where are you...
No...
She can't be gone...
it's my fault...
Where are you...
Where did you go...
Marina...

Ssssssshhh, nothing is your fault, you are having a bad dream.
Sleep well, you are protected ...
kiss
zz
were proud
Hey...Wait!
Morada...who was that?
Hmmm?
WE'RE PROUD
Ohh you made me your blood brownies!
Thank you so much, I'll take them to work!
WE'RE PROUD
Ah, I feel so calm and rested!
Morada...



namorada: Portugese for girlfriend





Avó, I think we have a white lady in the house, I saw her in Morada's bedroom...
Oh?

You're not worried? Aren't white ladies dangerous?
I did not feel any malintent from her.

I think she is just scared...
Besides, I don't think she will be a danger to Morada. I've seen Morada deal with much worse.

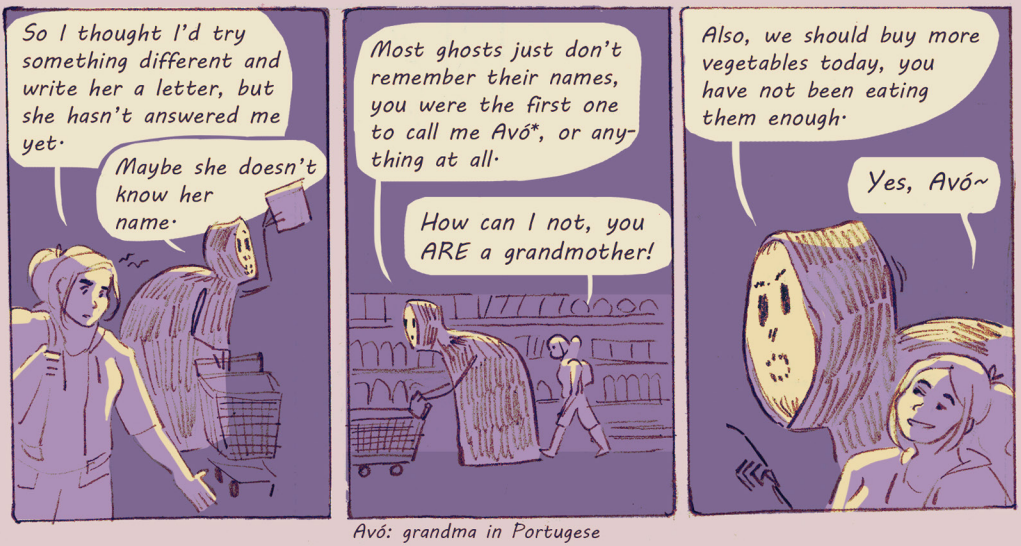
She is very strong...

Dragging people out of the water on the first day, I'm going to bed early tonight.

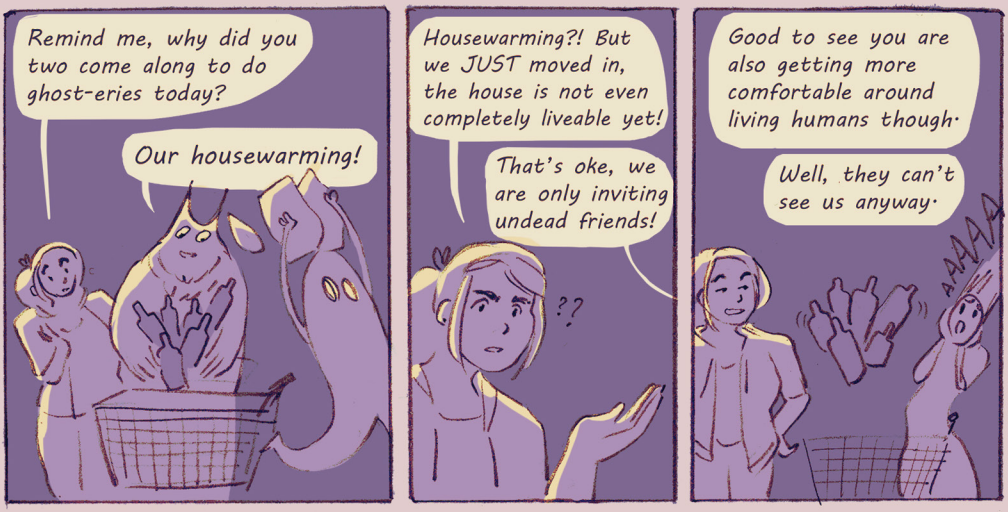
Ahh, you're home from work! How was it?
Hggrrmmbl·
Did you save any lives?
Will you tell us stories of your bold heroism?
Do you want some juice?
Yes, I saved many lives, changed many fates and swam across an entire ocean!
Also, We were wondering if you could install ...the tv?
Hey Morada, if you saw a white lady standing at your bed side, you'd freak out, right?
Depends, is she pretty?
No, I mean... there is definitly someone else in this house but you seem so chill about it· Normally you'd burn sage sticks three times a day and put up protection charms and...and...
Oh good one, in which box did I put those?
Oh of course, NOW you remember!
Look Walter, I just try to go by simple rules· Don't mess with anyone that isn't already bothering you·
If they want to be left alone, I will just leave them be·
Also, here's the remote·
TV
Now leave ME be, I'm gonna shower·

Why is Walter so nervous all of the sudden?
Oh, someone came into the room.
If there's a white lady here, I would've noticed by now...
Oh meu Deus! She is getting undressed!
I feel so indecent, I have to close this door!
BAF
S-someone in here?
...

Wow, you are so beautiful...
...Do you have a name?
DEAR GHOST
SORRY I SCARED YOU.
WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
MORADA



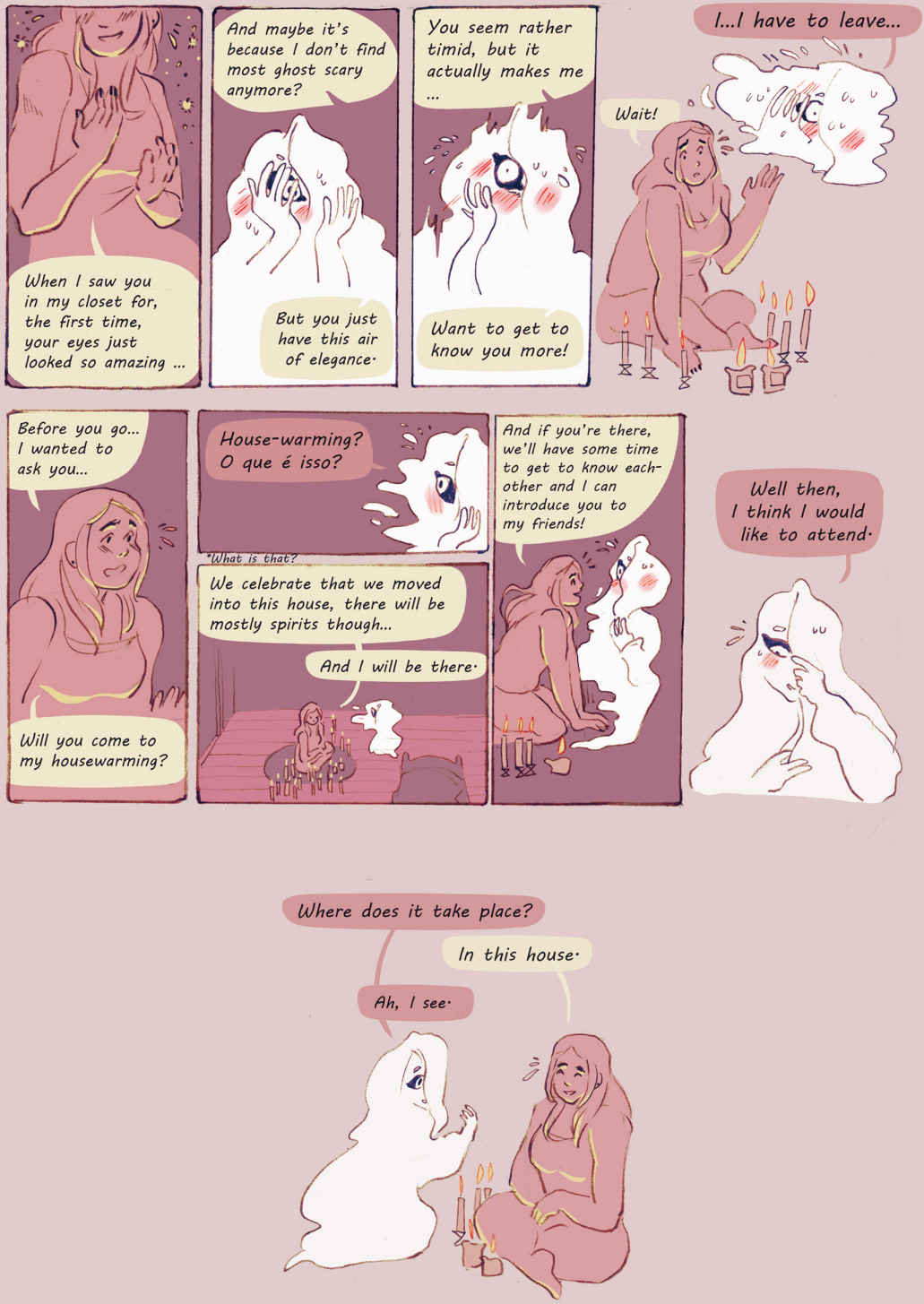
Avó: grandma in Portugese



So what are you going to do now?
Clean up the house, I guess...
No, I mean about the pretty ghost lady, you seemed to have a real spark with her.
Shadow, I swear, I will kick your ass next time I see you lurking.
I mean, I don't know about a spark, it's hard to even communicate with her, she doesn't like showing herself and probably doesn't know her name.
promoção
VELAS
Spark! That's it!
hehehe
All of these please.
And the floating groceries behind me.
5

Spirits
PYROMANCY
okay.
Dear ghost lady, I know you don't like showing yourself, and you don't have to. I would just like to talk.
I made a candle set up for you. Please, if you could at least let me know; does my presence in this room disturb you?
SIM
NÃO
sim:yes
não:no
...
phew
My name is Morada and those creepers are are Avó, Walter and Shadow. They're really curious about you.
As my ... new roommate, I guess I'd like to get to know you better too. Would it be oke if I asked you a few questions?

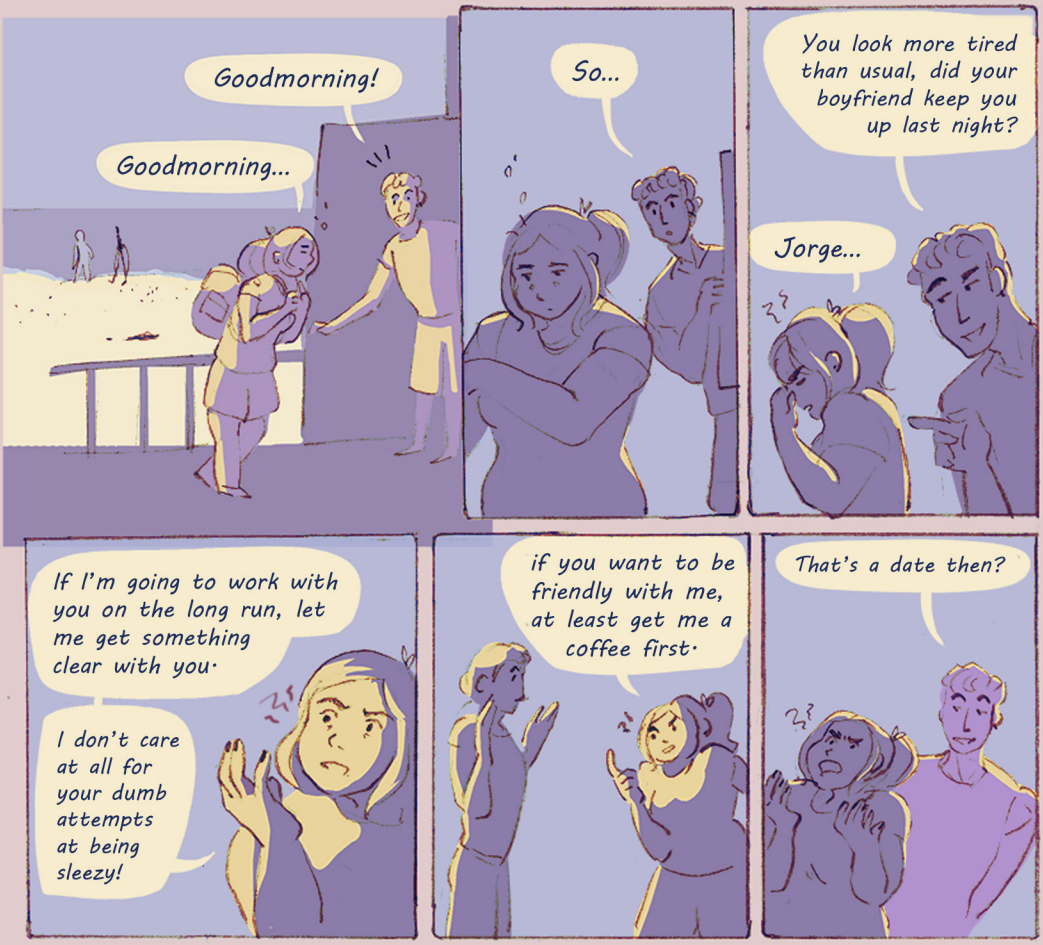
So... what are you doing here, as in, in this house?
Of course I don't mind you being here, but I'm just... curious.
Oh okay, hold on...
two candles with a spiraling flame...
and then three with a dimmed light...
A pattern like this might indicate life or death...
Ai jesus, this is a lot harder than I thought it would be...
Just ask her if she can talk.
So how is it going? Did you learn her name?
I lived here for ...long time,
I saw many things happen,
things you might have forgotten...
Do you want us to leave you alone?
No,... but just have not talked to anyone ... for long time.
It's okay if you don't talk, thats why I brought candles.
but I guess they're more for the ambiance now.
If you want, you can ask me a question.
Do...do you really think I'm beautiful?
I do! I have never seen a ghost like you before, I'm really happy I could see you again!

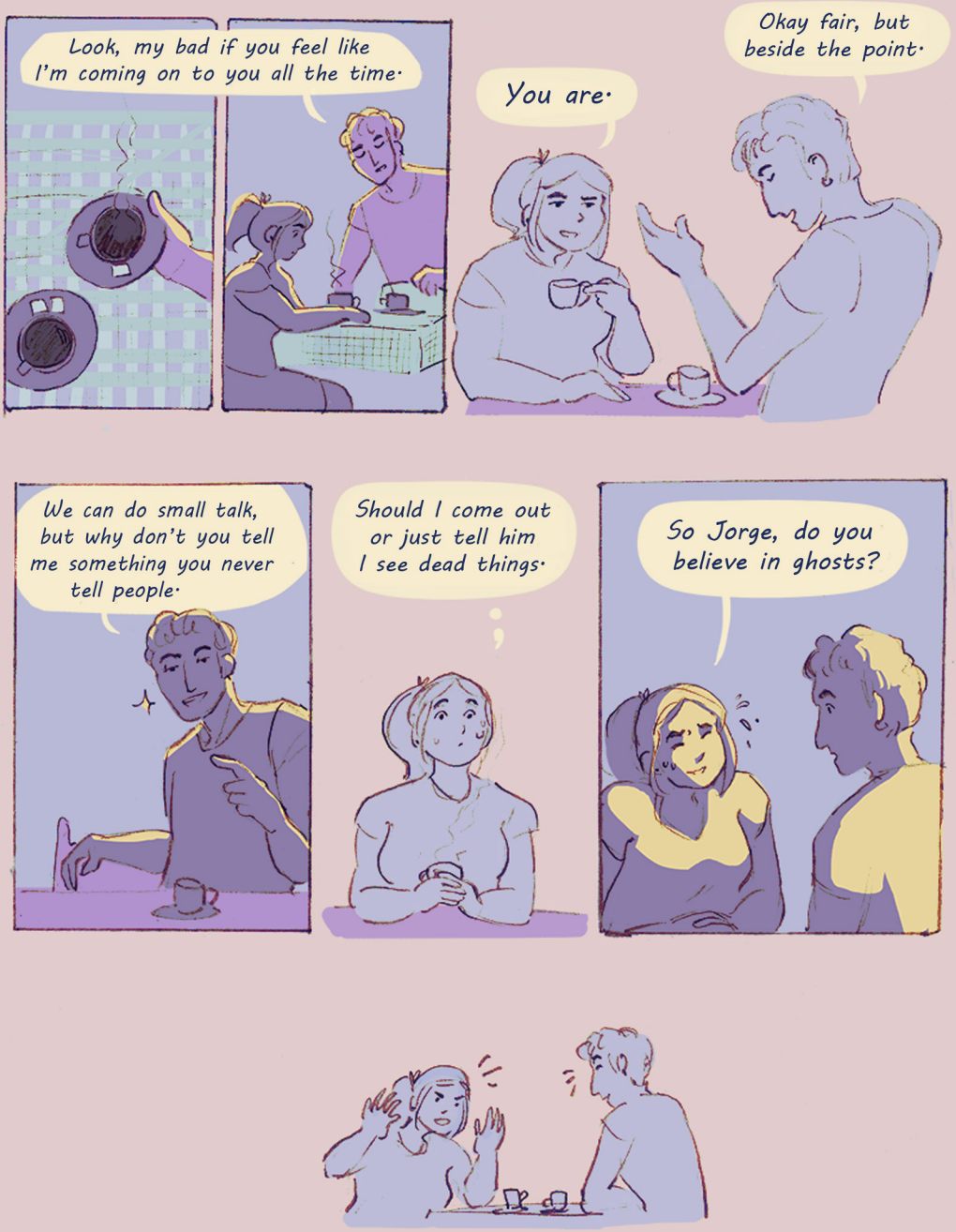

When I saw you in my closet for, the first time, your eyes just looked so amazing ...
And maybe it's because I don't find most ghost scary anymore?
But you just have this air of elegance.
You seem rather timid, but it actually makes me ...
Want to get to know you more!
I...I have to leave...
Wait!
Before you go... I wanted to ask you...
Will you come to my housewarming?
House-warming? O que é isso?
*What is that?
We celebrate that we moved into this house, there will be mostly spirits though...
And I will be there.
And if you're there, we'll have some time to get to know each-other and I can introduce you to my friends!
Well then, I think I would like to attend.
Where does it take place?
In this house.
Ah, I see.

* A bad word, don't repeat around portugese family in law

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
5:00
Marina...
Marina...
21:00
no...
no...
shh...
No worries, I'm not here to scare you off.
Morada is very special, isn't she?
Yes...
When I first met Morada, she was just a child.
Of course, she was a little more aware of the world around her than other humans, but still unsure of how to handle it.
But when she found me, she seemed to feel that I meant her no harm.

She trusted me and saw me as her friend, it made me feel much more part of her world.
I think she has that same trust in you, and it seems for a reason.
Did you two ever meet before?
I...
I have known Morada for a long time...
She was also still a child when we met ...
but...
I...
it...
I... it would greatly upset her if... if she remembered h-how we met...
Oh my dearest, those are very human words for a spirit...
You really like Morada, don't you.
I really do...
But everytime I see her, I just don't know what I should tell her.
There, there, minha pequenina.


Goodmorning!
Goodmorning...
So...
You look more tired than usual, did your boyfriend keep you up last night?
Jorge...
If I'm going to work with you on the long run, let me get something clear with you.
I don't care at all for your dumb attempts at being sleezy!
if you want to be friendly with me, at least get me a coffee first.
That's a date then?

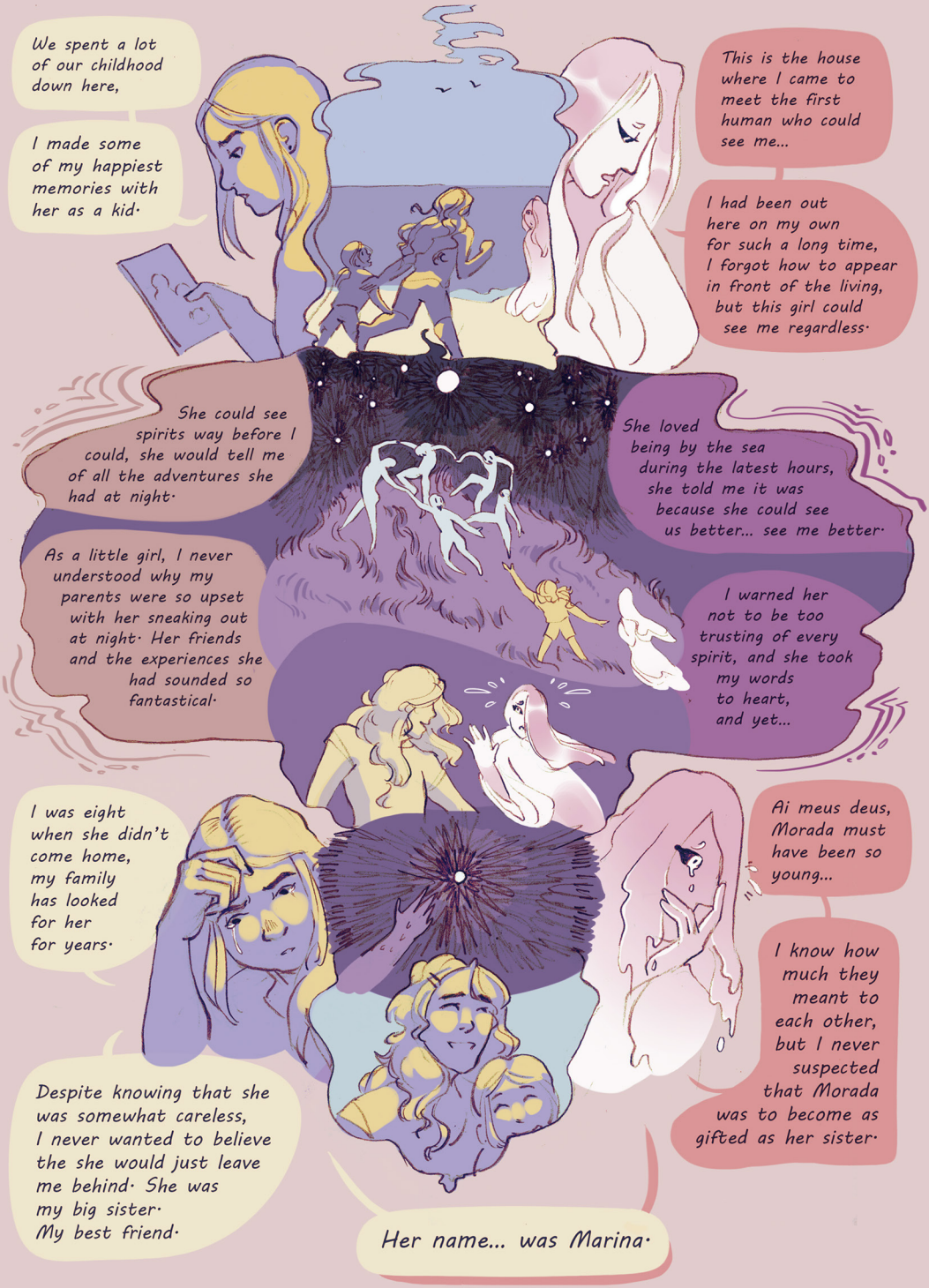

Look, my bad if you feel like I'm coming on to you all the time.
You are.
Okay fair, but beside the point.
We can do small talk, but why don't you tell me something you never tell people.
Should I come out or just tell him I see dead things.
So Jorge, do you believe in ghosts?

I have been together with guys, but it was just never much of a succes
They would never take me seriously when it came to the paranormal.
And most of them didn't get the bisexual thing either.
Oh, I totally get that one.
Oh, really?
Most guys I dated were pricks too. You girls are..., y'know, more aware of feelings and how to handle them.
Girls are just nice to be with. Plus they're cute and pretty and
Yeah...
Jorge, could I ask you for some advice?

eu acredito = I believe, x-files meme

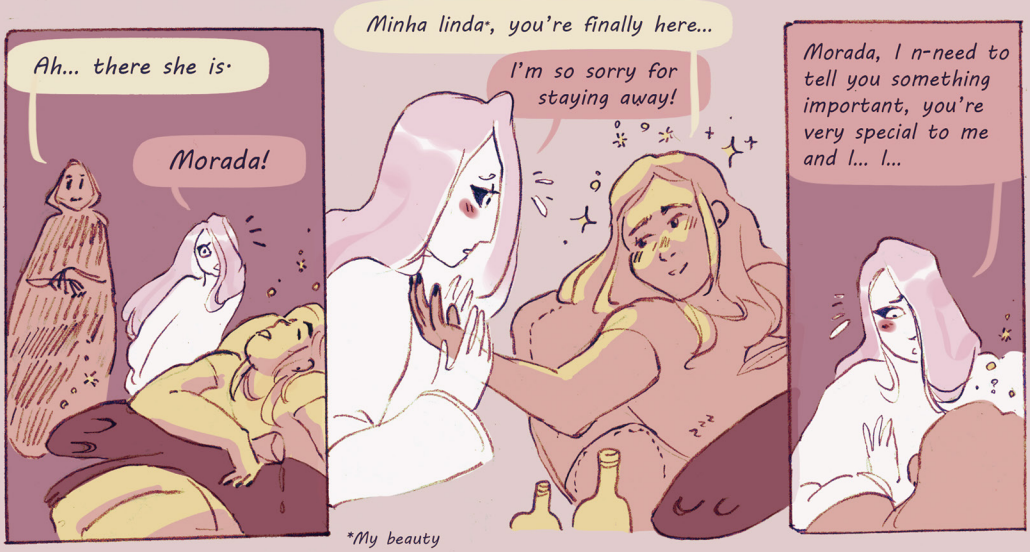
Hey shadow, have you seen the White Lady?
No, but I can try to contact her for you.
How many spirits did you call with that board?
All the ones I could find. I figured it would be "the more, the scarrier."
...
I also invited Sadako!
AAAAA AAAAAA
That must be her!
EU ACREDITO
What's going on in here?!
here I come
peeekabggoo...
SADAKO! SADAKO! SADAKO! SADAKO!
She actually came!
EU ACREDITO
Would you mind some company?

Morada, Mariposa was wondering, who is the girl next to you is in this picture?
Oh...
That...
That is... That was my sister.


We spent a lot of our childhood down here,
I made some of my happiest memories with her as a kid.
This is the house where I came to meet the first human who could see me...
I had been out here on my own for such a long time, I forgot how to appear in front of the living, but this girl could see me regardless.
She could see spirits way before I could, she would tell me of all the adventures she had at night.
She loved being by the sea during the latest hours, she told me it was because she could see us better... see me better.
As a little girl, I never understood why my parents were so upset with her sneaking out at night. Her friends and the experiences she had sounded so fantastical.
I warned her not to be too trusting of every spirit, and she took my words to heart, and yet...
I was eight when she didn't come home, my family has looked for her for years.
Ai meus deus, Morada must have been so young...
I know how much they meant to each other, but I never suspected that Morada was to become as gifted as her sister.
Despite knowing that she was somewhat careless, I never wanted to believe the she would just leave me behind. She was my big sister. My best friend.
Her name... was Marina.

It's always been very hard for me to accept that she was gone. Even now I still find it hard to be in this house without her.
I just have... tried not think about her too much, but that's done no good either.
Ah, I'm so sorry for being a party bummer!
No-no, thank you for sharing this with us. I had no idea.
Thank you for listening.

I just feel so guilty whenever I see Morada and remember w-what happened to her sister...
Hmmm.
You know,
I think Morada would actually quite appreciate if you told her about your bond with Marina.
Morada would happily tell me her memories of her sister, because she had a hard time talking to the living around her.
But when truly looking at her, I could see that it was hard for her to tell these things to someone who had never met Marina.
I think it would really help her to share memories with you.
And know that Morada would never blame you for any of the things you feel guilty about.
...Really?
Okay, then... I will try.


Ah... there she is.
Morada!
Minha linda*, you're finally here...
I'm so sorry for staying away!
Morada, I n-need to tell you something important, you're very special to me and I... I...

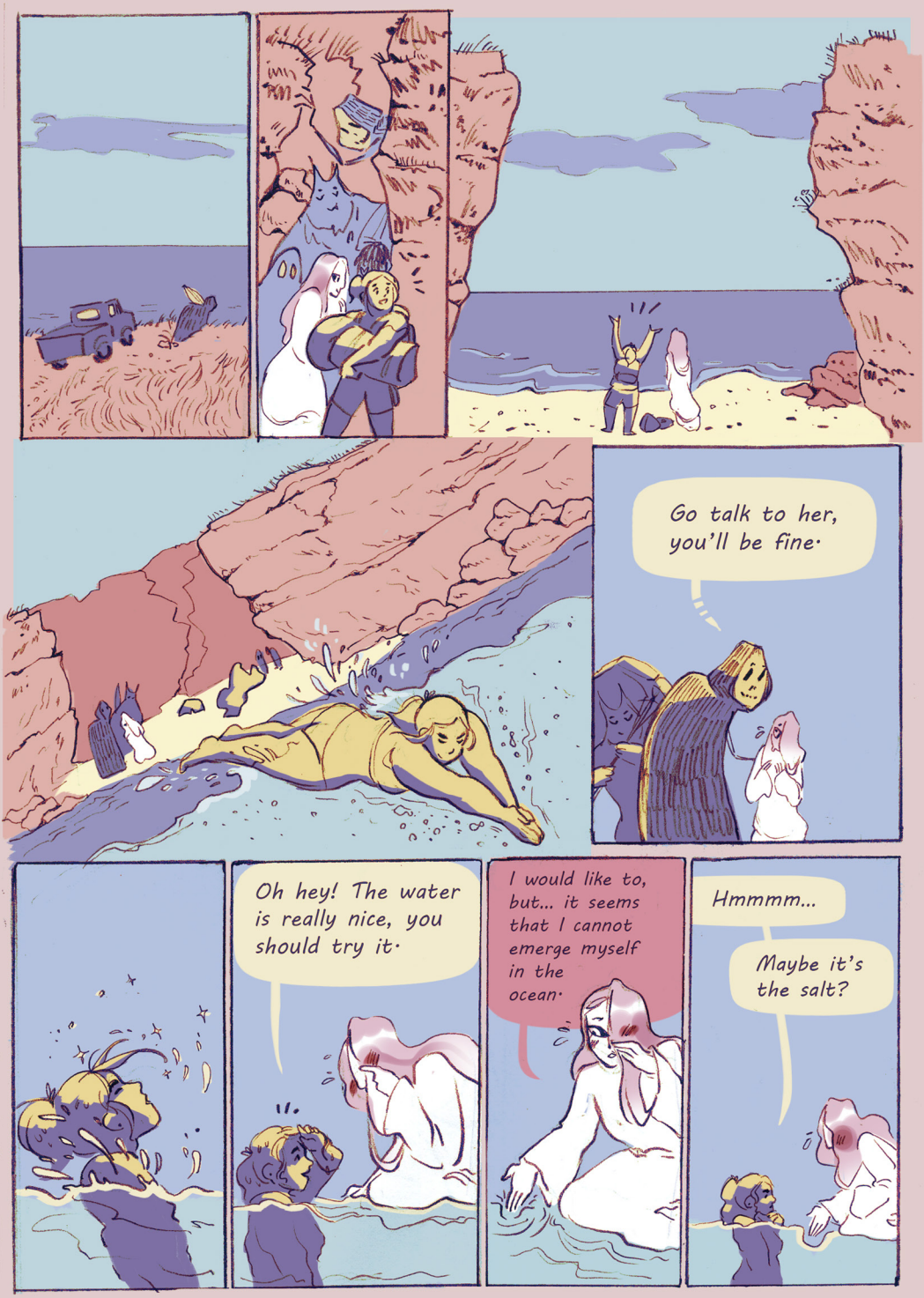
*My beauty

Sssssssshh!
I am... very drunk...
and it seems like you have... important things...
I am not gunna remember... tell me... tomorrow...
Hehehe, feels funny...

BAF!

OH MEU DEUS! Are you okay?!
Time...for sleep...

Marina...
Marina?
Who is that?
Wait, don't go!
do you want to go for a swim?
swim?
swim
swim
ow
MORADAAAAAAA
AJUDA-NOSS
*Morada, help us!
We had some problems with turning on the tv...
...We let Sadako take a look, but that might have made things worse...
Goodmorning...
Grmmblmm!!
That stupid tv. Why can't we just go to the beach for once, I want to go swimming...
I... I wouldn't mind going with you...
Forget that tv and grab your towels, we're going to the beach!


Go talk to her, you'll be fine.
Oh hey! The water is really nice, you should try it.
I would like to, but... it seems that I cannot emerge myself in the ocean.
Hmmmm...
Maybe it's the salt?

Morada...
Hmm?
I have been meaning to tell you something...
But...I don't want you to be upset... because of me... or Marina...
Hey·
It's okay, I know·
Especially today,... I had the feeling we had been to the beach together many times before·
Do you miss my sister?
I do, I have never met anyone quite like her before·
But I like you as well!
HAHAHA!
I like you a lot too·

Lady...
Hmm?
Will you...stay with us?
I know it is selfish of me to ask, but I would like it...
If you kept haunting my house for a little while longer...
I would like that.
I'm Morada
And I have four spirits living with me...
I mean, I'm sure plenty of people live with spirits.
But non as funny, friendly, sweet and kind as these.
end of volume 1, to be continued...

Thank you for reading
SHY GHOST GIRLFRIEND VOLUME 1
A sitcom about ghosts!

The booklet you're holding has been in the making for a while now.

I came up with the idea for a courageous psychic and her cute Ghost Girlfriend in 2014, but wasn't set on making a webcomic untill 2017.

I felt like ghost and girl deserved a story. And once I introduced the ghost housemates, the story really came together.

You've read what has come of their story so far!

The great online reception of this story has motivated me to make it longer than I first planned. Morada's adventures will defenitly continue.

Initially, it would be a short comic, but I found I had many ideas, like the ghost roommates!

Shy Ghost Girlfriend is not the first
and certainly not the last series of comics I produced.

My work includes;
Toscomics, my auto-biographical comics,

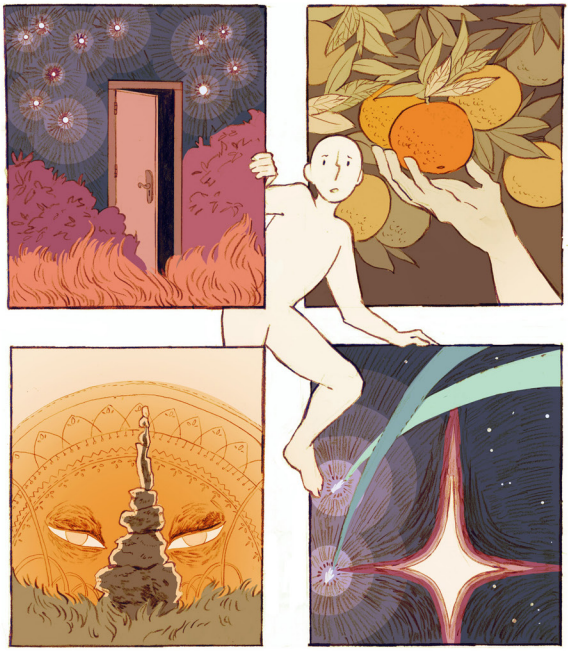
U and the Soul

Monster Amulet

And my current project,
U an Existence

A graphic novel series about a quest for answers, as we follow U's journey to find their place in the world.

I hope you keep an eye out and follow my continued adventures as comic artist!



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but that doesn't mean they don't have feelings!

A story about Morada living with her three best friends, who just happen to be paranormal beings that not many others see. A beautiful, but shy, fourth ghost comes along and Morada becomes determined to get to know her.

A tale of friendship, grief, ghost parties and making sure the electricity bill gets paid.

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